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Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor

FRETILIN

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ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE INDONESIANS SOLDIERS KILLED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EAST TIMOR.

Information from East Timor indicates that the Indonesian military offensive iniciated in November last year against the East Timorese National Army "FALINTIL", to capture its commander-in-chief, Xanana Gusmao and FRETILIN's Central Committee members, is proceeding relentlessly all over the country, with atrocities against the civilian population in villages.

A message dated 13th April 1991, the resistance commander of the 2nd guerrilla unit, Alex Dai-Tula, says the Indonesian army launched in middle February, this year, a major offensive against the resistance strongholds in the subdistricts of Uato-Lari, Ossu, Venilale, Vemasse, Laleia, Baucau and Viqueque with 6 battalions supported by helicopters-gunships.

On the other hand a report sent out by the underground resistance, dated 17th April, claims that military operations against the East Timorese is continuing and from November till end of March, at least 149 Indonesians soldiers were killed and many more injured in the areas of Same-Ainaro (70), Aitana (47) and Laleia (32).Great quantity of USA made rifles M/16, ammunitions, a radio transreceiver "Rackal" and first aid kits,were seized by the freedom fighters.

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